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July 8th, 1985

W. M. McDonald
Director, Freedom of Information and Security Review
Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense
2C757, the Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301-1400

Dear Mr. McDonald:

This is a request under the provisions of 5 USC 552, the Freedom of Information Act.

In the early 80s the U.S. Air Force ran a computer within the facilities of Air Force Data Service Center, (AFDSC), located in the pentagon. This system had (has) the designation "system J."

The system consists of an IBM-370, with a 3032 processor and a mass storage system. I would like to know what this computer system was/is used for. Specifically there may be one very large program which ran/runs on it. This program may have been/be used in certain modeling of scenarios of national security interest.

I would like to know about this system. I would also like to know about the program I refer to. What its name is, what it is used for, who uses it etc. I would like to know as much about it as can be disclosed in an unclassified fashion.

I am aware that "system J" may have been and may still be classified TOP SECRET, NOFORN. I am, therefore prevented from making a more specific request.

I ask that the charge for this request be waived as I am seeking information which may be of vital national importance and may have a direct bearing and effect on our worlds security.

Thank you,

Mark J. Graham



OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301-1400

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PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Ref: 85-FOI-1190

Mr. Mark J. Graham
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Dear Mr. Graham:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information request of July 8, 1985, for information concerning an Air Force computer known as "System J."

Due to the complexity and size of the Department of Defense (DoD), there is no central repository for all DoD records. This office is responsible for responding to requests for records in the Components of the Office of the Secretary of Defense/Organization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The several Components of the DoD, including the Military Departments and Defense Agencies, operate their own Freedom of Information offices to respond to requests for records for which they are responsible.

Accordingly, your letter has been forwarded to the Department of the Air Force at the following address, with request that they respond directly to you.

Freedom of Information Manager
HQ USAF/DADF
Pentagon, Room 4A1088C
Washington, DC 20330

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "W. M. McDonald", is written over a horizontal line.

W. M. McDonald
Director, Freedom of Information
and Security Review



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Mr Mark J. Graham
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Dear Mr. Graham

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) letter dated 8 July 1985 addressed to the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense. We received it for action on 23 July 1985.

The information requested is not available in this headquarters. We have forwarded your letter to the 1ISG/DADF, Pentagon, Washington DC 20330 for action and direct reply to you. Although the 1ISG is located in the Pentagon, they are part of Headquarters Air Force Communications Command (AFCC/DADF), Scott AFB IL 62225.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Carol M. Rose", is positioned above the typed name.

CAROL M. ROSE
Asst HQ USAF Freedom of
Information Manager

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

1ST INFORMATION SYSTEMS GROUP (AFCC)

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20330-6345

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SUBJECT:

Freedom of Information Request - Mark J. Graham

TO:

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The IISG operated the IBM 3032, System J, from January 1978 to March 1985 as A classified system supporting elements of HQ USAF and OSD. This system was used by the Assistant Chief of Staff, Studies and Analyses, to perform large simulation modelling efforts to answer questions from the Chief of Staff and Congress. It ran a large FORTRAN model called the Advanced Penetration Model (APM), developed by Boeing Computer Services, to perform bomber penetration analyses. The IBM 3032 System was recently downgraded for unclassified processing and its previous applications are being transitioned to another mainframe.


ISAAC SPENCER, Colonel, USAF
Vice Commander